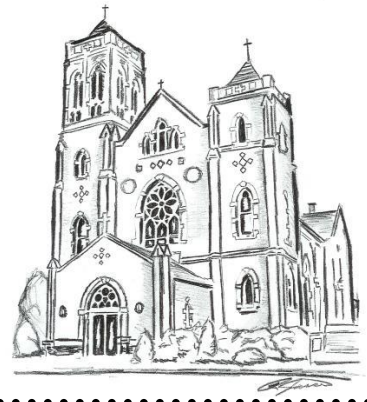




*Second Sunday of Easter  
(Divine Mercy Sunday)  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017*



**St. Damian Parish**

Founded 1861

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Damiansville, Illinois 62215  
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Believe!  
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Believe!

John 20:19-31

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Founded 1908

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*Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday*

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>**

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

For All Parishioners

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>**

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Rev. William Rensing

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>**

7:45 am Mass @ St. Damian

Frank, Minnie, Kim, & Patty Heimann

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>**

7:45 am Mass @ St. Bernard

Doris Kloeckner

Jack & Bernice Corbelt

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>**

*NO Mass or Service Scheduled*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>**

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Bernard

Clarence & Rita Netemeyer

Robert Wiegmann

Hermine Kollmann

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>**

8:30 am Mass @ St. Damian

Frank Santel

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

For the Confirmation Class of 2017

11:00 am Mass @ St. Damian

Mass in Spanish

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In today's 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Saint Peter speaks directly to us about our faith: "*Even though you do not see Him now yet believe in Him.*" This prepares us for Jesus' final Beatitude: "*Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.*" As we hear the scripture of Thomas the Doubter, let us listen for the passages and words that speak to our own faith so that we may grow in loving our Lord.

# "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting."

## HAPPENINGS/MEETINGS:

**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

*Pre-School Sunday School Classes*

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

**Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Bernard Choir Practice* 7:30 pm @ Church

**Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Albers/Damiansville Community Blood Drive*

3:00-7:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

*Confirmation* 7:00 pm @ St. Bernard Church

**Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner*

4:30-7:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym

*Serra Club Dinner* 7:00 pm

**Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Communion to Homebound*

*Hispanic Bible Study* 6:00 pm @ St. Damian

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Reconciliation* 4:15-4:45 pm @ St. Bernard

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

8:30 am @ St. Damian

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

*St. Damian Youth Choir Practice*

9:30 am @ St. Damian

*Confirmation Recognition Mass*

10:00 am @ St. Bernard

*Pre-School Sunday School Classes*

10:00 am @ Albers Elementary School

*VBS Brief Planning Meeting*

After 10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard Church

*Hispanic Children's Day*

12:30-3:30 pm @ St. Damian Gym

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION:

*Registration forms* to enter your child/children in the Faith Formation Program have been sent home.

- **Students already in the Faith Formation program:** parents/guardians & students are asked to read the policy handbook and sign the *Commitment Form* (red heart border sheet). Parents/guardians and students must sign the form. Signing the commitment form will ensure that your child/children is/are enrolled in Faith Formation for 2017-2018 (one form per family).
- **New families, or students** please fill out the **New Student Registration Form**, (one form per student).
- **Send** payment along with the registration form. If you have more than one child in the program, you may send one check.
- **Return** the commitment/registration form and payment to your child's catechist or the parish office before the *early bird drawing* which is: **St. Damian** - Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> after the 7:45 am Mass.  
**St. Bernard** - Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> after the 7:45 am Mass.
- **Questions:** Contact Deacon Glenn by phone at 248-5134 or email [stdamians@wisperhome.com](mailto:stdamians@wisperhome.com).

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS):

*Brief Planning Meeting* on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> immediately following 10:00 am Mass @ St. Bernard. The meeting is for anyone interested in helping to discuss the plan for this year's VBS.

## CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL:

**Next weekend, April 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>**, we will take up the collection for the *Catholic Home Missions Appeal*. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. This includes our own Belleville Diocese. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggles we face right here in southern Illinois. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Envelopes are available in your envelope packet. **Thank you!** More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## VOCATION CORNER:

In today's Gospel, we hear Thomas making the most complete affirmation of Christ's nature to be found on the lips of anyone in the Gospel, "**My Lord and my God**". Just as Jesus strengthened Thomas' faith, He wants to renew faith in following our own vocation. We need to be diligent and invite others to consider a life of service – a life of being a priest or religious.

## **ST. DAMIAN PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: April 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Envelopes: \$342.00 + ACH: \$415.00  
+ Easter: \$5,536.00 + Loose: \$232.00  
+ Mass in Spanish: \$240.00 = \$6,765.00  
Budget for week: \$2,831.73  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$120,511.68  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$118,932.66  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$ 1,579.02  
Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$147,250.00  
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$58,000.00 transferred from: Savings, Building Fund, Cemetery & Picnic Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

### **Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):**

Total Pledged: \$6,769.40 (38) ☺ *Goal: \$5,950.00 (187)*

*Thanks for your faithful and generous support!*

## **ST. DAMIAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 8:30 am**

**Ministers of Communion** — Kristy Richter, Pete Toennies, *Ruth Jansen*

**Reader** — Beth Brandmeyer

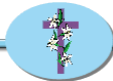
**Ushers** — Bill Jansen, Gary Fuehne

**Servers** — Evelyn Fuehne, Lance & Nolan Goebel

**Organist** — Geri Varel

**Collection Counters** – Kristy Richter, Pete Toennies, Sandy Kramer

**Children's Liturgy** – Jackie Toennies, Henry Toennies



## **ST. BERNARD PARISH CONCERNS:**

### **CHURCH SUPPORT: April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Envelopes: \$312.00 + ACH: \$2,205.00  
+ Easter: \$4,665.00 + Loose: \$177.00 = \$7,359.00  
Budget for week: \$2,964.43  
Fiscal year-to-date collected: \$125,018.25  
Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$124,506.06  
Over (under) year-to-date budget: \$ 512.19  
Fiscal year (7/16-6/17) budget: \$154,150.00  
(**Reminder:** The fiscal year budget **does not** include the \$32,000.00 transferred from: Men's Club, Ladies Sodality, Capital Fund, Cemetery & Fund Raiser Checking Accounts, which is needed in order to balance the budget.)

### **Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA):**

Total Pledged: \$5,750.00 (39) *Goal: \$7,700.00 (241)*

*Thanks for your faithful and generous support!*

## **ST. DAMIAN LADIES SODALITY & QUILT COMMITTEE:**

- ⇒ ***Quilt Situation in our Parish.*** We are currently buying quilts because our surplus is very, very low. To date we only have six on hand. In the past, there were more than twice as many. If at all possible, please consider giving a quilt or the cash equivalent of the cost of a quilt which runs from \$225.00-\$275.00, or close to that as possible.  
**Please remember the quilts should measure 90" X 108".** A parishioner is willing to donate her quilt tops she has made, if we choose to put them together and quilt them in our parish. Please contact one of the officers with your thoughts on this. This parishioner does beautiful work and it would be a privilege to win one of her quilts. She just cannot do it anymore. Our parish will not survive without our picnic and the majority of the income comes in because of our quilt bingo. Please consider this request as we are reaching out to all of you as a church community. Damiansville has always been proud to display our quilts at our annual picnic. Thanking all of you.
- ⇒ ***Quilt/Cash Sign-Up Sheet*** for the picnic is posted at both entrances of the church. Please mark if you intend to donate cash or a quilt for the picnic **ASAP** so we know how many quilts need to be purchased.
- ⇒ ***Collecting Quilts & Cash Donation*** will take place for the first time on **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** after the 8:30 am Mass.

*-- The Committee and Officers*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!**

- ❖ ***Holy Name Meeting*** on **Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 pm in St. Damian's Meeting Room.
- ❖ ***Picnic Meeting*** for Officers and Stand Chairs is on **Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 pm in St. Damian's Meeting Room.
- ❖ ***Ladies Sodality Meeting*** on **Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in St. Damian's Meeting Room.



## **ALBERS-DAMIANSVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #9768:**



Sponsoring a ***Spaghetti Dinner*** in on **Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** serving from 4:30-7:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym. *Proceeds to benefit St. Bernard & St. Damian Faith Formation Classes.*



## **ST. BERNARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 5:00 pm**

**Ministers of Communion** — Ken & Liz

Nussbaumer, Deb Schomaker

**Reader** — Steve Schomaker

**Ushers** — Ed & Nettie Broeckling

**Servers** — Kalie Wellen, Rylee Jansen, **Volunteer**

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 10:00 am**

**Ministers of Communion** — *Kristen Templin,*

Brenda Morris, Meg Schiefer, Kevin Templin

**Reader** — Brent Rickhoff

**Ushers** — Tom Broeckling, Tim Schroeder, Brian Winkeler, Brian Zurliene

**Servers** — Jordyn Schiefer, Coryn Toennies, Grant Winkeler

**Counters** — Tim Schroeder, Kevin Templin, Kris Anne Becker

**Children's Liturgy** — Janel Zurliene, Ocean Reinhardt, Noah Broeckling

**Sunday School Helpers** — TBA



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## **PRAYER BLANKETS:**

*Prayer Blankets* are available for anyone needing healing and comfort during difficult times or illness. The blankets are made by parishioners and have been blessed. They are a reminder of God's presence, a gift from our Christian community and a prayerful way to touch those in need. Please contact Deacon Glenn or Brenda Morris (618-698-3804) if you or someone you know may need a *Prayer Blanket*.

**Thank you to those who lovingly donated their time and talent in making the Prayer Blankets!!**

## **ST. BERNARD LADIES SODALITY:**

**We are in at Savers!** The Ladies Sodality is sponsoring a *Donation Drive* similar to the rummage sale. Donate your items to a trailer at specific locations in Albers **between the dates of May 16<sup>th</sup> – May 20<sup>th</sup>**. Items will be delivered to *Savers* in Fairview Heights on **Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**. The Ladies Sodality will receive a monetary donation based on the items collected and the weight. We will have a flyer with more info at a later date. We are also looking for a few enclosed trailers & drivers to use on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/EVENTS:**

**St. Augustine, Breese:** *Quilt/Cash Bingo* on **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** starting at 2:00 pm with 16 quilt games, 8 cash games and 50/50 game. Cash for doubles. Quilt Raffle. No one under 18 years can play. *Fried Chicken Luncheon* from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Adults: \$8.00, Children: \$4.00, Under 6: Free. Carry outs 526-4341.

**Albers/Damiansville Community** will be sponsoring an *American Red Cross Blood Drive* on **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00-7:00 pm @ St. Damian Gym. Food and dessert will be provided for all volunteers.

**"Cure for Cancer Prayer Day":** St. Peregrine Devotions will be held on **Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** beginning with *Mass & Devotion* at 8:00 am followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm @ Our Lady Queen of Peace Church at 5923 North Belt West in Belleville. A *Special Intention Petition Sheet* will be located at the entrances of both churches for those who wish to participate but are unable to attend. These intentions will be placed on the altar during this prayer day and all future devotions and will be remembered in our prayers. Please place your intentions on the sheet **no later than Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**Age Smart Community Resources, St. John's Community Care, & Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc.:**

*Surviving Caregiving: A Map through the Maze* is an insightful conference designed for family caregivers who wish to gain valuable knowledge and resources that will help them navigate the maze of caregiving. This conference is on **Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 am-2:30 pm @ St. John Church – Faith Hall located at 307 W. Clay St. (rear) in Collinsville. Box lunch included. The conference is free, but registration is required. To register call Age Smart Community Resources at 618-222-2561. Complimentary care will be available at St. John's Adult Care Center during the conference hours. Pre-registration for adult day service is required. Contact Stacey Rhodes at 618-344-5008.

**Trenton First United Methodist Church** is having a *Talent Show* on **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00-4:00 pm. We are looking for talent of all ages from local schools, other churches, etc. This is a free community event. It is not a competition, just a fun event to enjoy the talents of all ages. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

**The Villas at St. James:** *Handmade Quilt Show* on **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Free Admission. Join us after Sunday Services to view over 100 locally-made quilts and enjoy a *FREE Appetizer Brunch* @ the Villas. The Villas at St. James Assisted Living, located just north of St. Joseph's Hospital. Interested in submitting your quilt for this show? Call 618-526-0100 for more information on how to submit your quilt.